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APPLICANT: Darin R. Okerlund et al.)
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FOR: CARDIAC IMAGING SYSTEM AND)
 METHOD FOR PLANNING MINIMALLY)
 INVASIVE DIRECT CORONARY)
 ARTERY BYPASS SURGERY)

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Applicant hereby brings to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending applications having potentially related subject matter:

By such disclosure, Applicant does not waive and has no intent to waive any statutory right to maintain the secrecy of the above-referenced applications.

(121321 / GEM-0017) Application U.S.S.N. 10/063,064, "Method, System and Computer Product for Cardiac Interventional Procedure Planning", filed March 15, 2002 by Darin R. Okerlund et al.

(125974 / GEM-0053) Application U.S.S.N. 10/065,595, "Method and Apparatus for Medical Intervention Procedure Planning", filed November 1, 2002 by Darin R. Okerlund et al.

(133164 / GEM-0074) Application U.S.S.N. 10/249,815, "Cardiac CT System and Method for Planning and Treatment of Biventricular Pacing Using Epicardial Lead", filed May 9, 2003 by Darin R. Okerlund et al.

(133253 / GEM-0075) Application U.S.S.N. 10/249,783, "Cardiac CT System and Method for Planning Left Atrial Appendage Isolation", filed May 7, 2003 by Darin R. Okerlund et al.

(133254 / GEM-0078) Application U.S.S.N. 10/249,812, "Cardiac CT System and Method for Planning Atrial Fibrillation Intervention", filed May 9, 2003 by Darin R. Okerlund et al.

(138162 / GEM-0079) Application U.S.S.N. 10/605,903, "Cardiac Imaging System and Method for Quantification of Desynchrony of Ventricles for Biventricular Pacing", filed November 5, 2003 by Shankara Bonthu Reedy et al.

Applicant believes there is no fee associate with this Letter. However, if there are any additional charges with respect to this Letter or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 07-0845 maintained by Applicant's attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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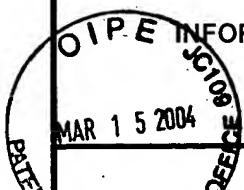
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